

# Stakeholder Committee

## Role and Responsibilities



The purpose of FirstNet (First Responder Network Authority; <http://www.firstnet.gov/>) is “to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network pursuant to Title VI of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Pub. L. No. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012).”<sup>1</sup>

**R**ole. The Washington State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC; <http://www.siec.wa.gov/>) has established a broadly representative FirstNet stakeholder committee to **facilitate statewide public safety engagement and advise it on FirstNet matters**. Its aim is to achieve the best possible design for Washington State. The public safety community is broadly defined as traditional first responders (i.e. emergency medical services, fire service, and law enforcement) and other responders called in support (e.g. elected officials, emergency management, the private sector, public utilities, public works, sheltering and transportation agencies, etc.). The Stakeholders must embrace federal agencies and tribal nations. Involvement on the committee is voluntary; however, travel and lodging expenses will be reimbursed, as necessary.

**R**esponsibilities. The stakeholder committee will assist FirstNet program staff within the state Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO; <http://ofm.wa.gov/ocio/>) to prepare for state consultations with federal program officers in the design and deployment of FirstNet in Washington State. Committee members—representing public agencies, private sector, and nonprofit associations—will **evangelize within their communities, identify public safety user groups, and steward the concerns and priorities of those groups**. The structure, financial support, and seven expectations for conducting this and related work is provided by the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP; [http://www.ntia.doc.gov/slignp/program\\_information](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/slignp/program_information)). SLIGP spans three years (2013-2015) and will be conducted in two phases: education, outreach, and governance followed by data collection. It is underwritten by \$3.3 million in funding, \$2.6 million of which is federal grant. Specific member activities will include, but are not limited to:

- participating in person or remotely in monthly two-hour stakeholder committee meetings to be convened around the state;
- responding in a timely manner to occasional queries from OCIO program staff;
- collaborating with the Washington State FirstNet technical committee;
- supporting the Phase I and II activities of regional and expert subcontractors;
- determining coverage, applications to be used, "hotspots" of activity to be covered, costs and business plan;
- assessing the FirstNet state-specific plan proposal; and
- reviewing summary reports before issuance by the SIEC.

<sup>1</sup> Bylaws Modifications, First Responder Network Authority, Board Resolution 26, 8 May 2013.